

What is claimed is:

1. A process for making the multi-ply tissue comprising the steps of :
  - mechanically refining a first slurry of fibers wherein the fibers have an average length of at least 2mm;
  - mixing the refined slurry with a second slurry of fibers, the average length of the fibers of the second slurry being shorter than the average length of the fibers of the first slurry;
  - providing a embryonic web upon a foraminous surface, the composition of fibers in the embryonic web being substantially homogeneous throughout the thickness of the web;
  - removing water from the embryonic web to form a ply; and
  - juxtaposing at least two plies to form the multi-ply tissue.
2. A process according to claim 1 wherein a substantial proportion of the fibers of the first slurry comprises softwood fibers, and a substantial proportion of the fibers of the second slurry comprises hardwood fibers.
3. A process according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of long softwood fibers to shorter hardwood fibers is greater than 60:40, and preferably about 70:30.